

- In fiscal year 2008, IFA's FirstHome and FirstHome Plus programs provided: More than \$250 million awarded through the FirstHome and FirstHome Plus programs
- Nearly 3,000 FirstHome program loans and grants • 157 FirstHome loans to minority households
- The program served individuals in 97 counties

# Military Service Member Homeownership Assistance Program

The Military Service Member Homeownership Assistance program, created by the lowa Legislature in 2005 and jointly administered with the lowa Department of Veterans Affairs, provides up to \$5,000 toward the down payment and closing costs of a home. The grants are available to current and former National Guard, Reserve and Active Duty armed services personnel who have served in support of the war on terrorism.

- In fiscal year 2008: Helped 561 military families purchase homes
- \$2,628,176 in grants • Grants made in 69 counties

# NewHome Construction Program

This program allows qualified entities to borrow funds to build new single-family homes. The organization may use the funds or lend them to local contractors.

In fiscal year 2008, IFA provided: • \$542,000 in loans to support home construction throughout the state

## **OurHome Rehabilitation Program**

Through the OurHome Rehabilitation program, Iowa Finance Authority offers low-interest loan funds for use by qualifying entities to rehabilitate single-family homes in their communities.

Throughout 2008, IFA made available: • \$56,920 in loans for the rehabilitation of lowa homes

# **Jumpstart Iowa Housing Assistance Program**

Jumpstart targets the financial needs of lowans affected by the natural disasters of 2008. The housing program assists homeowners in making a 60 percent or below the Area Median Gross Income. down payment on a new house, repairing their current home, or by providing interim mortgage assistance.

In the fall of 2008, IFA allocated \$20 million in state funds to eligible homeowners.

### RuralHome Program

The RuralHome program is a subsidy program that provides \$3,000 for down payment and closing costs for first-time home buyers in communities with populations of 25,000 or less. Funding is provided through a grant received by IFA in partnership with Union State Bank in Winterset from the Federal Home Loan Bank.

- In fiscal year 2008, IFA helped: • 39 homebuyers totaling \$117,000
- Grants made in 23 counties • 123 of the recipients were at or below 50 percent of the Area Median Income (AMI); the remaining 16 were at or below 60 percent AMI



Iowa Mortgage Help assisted Zakiya Jenkins of Des Moines in keeping her ho

lowa Mortgage Help, formed in February of 2008, provides free mortgage counseling resources to lowans. The initiative is funded primarily with grant monies received by IFA from the National Foreclosure Mitigation Counseling Program, administered by NeighborWorks® America.

The program's goal is to motivate homeowners to seek help by calling the lowa Mortgage Help program at 877-622-4866 and visiting www.lowaMortgageHelp.com. Since its inception, the hotline has received more than 12,000 calls and provided approximately 3,500 lowans with confidential, individualized counseling to best address their financial situation.

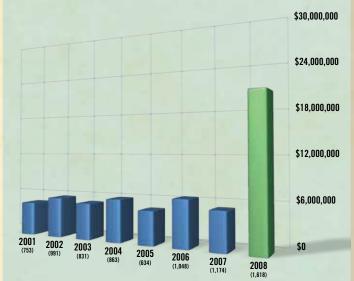
IFA partners include the Iowa Office of the Attorney General, The Iowa Home Ownership Project, Iowa Mediation Service, Iowa Legal Aid and Strategic America.

# **Low-Income Housing Tax Credit Program**



lowa Finance Authority has served as the tax credit allocating agency for the State of Iowa since 1986. The tax credit program provides an incentive to developers to construct, acquire or substantially rehabilitate qualified residential rental property. It provides a dollar-for-dollar reduction (or credit) to offset an owner's federal tax liability on ordinary income. The housing must include units for individuals or families that have an income that is





*Heartland Disaster Tax Relief Act of 2008 - Provides an \$8 per capita allocation of low-income housing tax credits to states with counties that				
have been declared Presidential Disaster Areas. The lowa Finance Authority (IFA), which administers the LIHTC program in lowa, estimates that				
the state will receive approximately \$21 million annually in 2008, 2009 and 2010, and could see as much as \$210 million over the next ten				
years. The actual awards for calendar year 2008 exceed \$200 million because the credits are committed annually over a ten-year period.				

	Fiscal Year 2008 Loans		Afforda Ising U
	Berry Court, Iowa City	\$1,184,610	
D.	Canterbury Park III Apartments, Pleasant Hill	\$5,397,540	
3	Cedar Manor Apartments, Boone	\$933,360	
	Creston Plaza Apartments, Creston	\$2,383,240	
	Deer Ridge V Apartments, Des Moines	\$5,546,580	
<b>3</b>	Heartland Homes, Council Bluffs	\$1,856,030	
ne	Jefferson Point 11, North Liberty	\$3,014,010	
	RiverWalk Lofts, Davenport	\$5,892,370	
	South View Senior Center, Des Moines	\$4,658,820	
	Stockbridge Apartments, Des Moines	\$5,021,930	
	The Rose of East Des Moines, Des Moines	\$7,976,750	
	Town Square Apartments, Fort Dodge	\$3,104,260	
	Total	\$46,969,500	4
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# Affordable Assisted Living Program

HOUSINGIOWA AFFORDABLE RENTAL PRODUCTION

Through the Affordable Assisted Living program, IFA provides resources to consumers, operators and developers. The program allows seniors to remain in an independent, homelike environment while accessing services needed to promote ongoing health and well-being.

iscal year 2008 accomplishments: Creation of Affordable Assisted Living Web site

### Aftercare Rent Subsidy Program

Youth aging out of foster care need support to attain self-sufficiency. This subsidy helps youth participating in the Aftercare Services program to learn life skills and responsibilities.

Fiscal year 2008 accomplishments: Total subsidies issued: \$66,316

# Served approximately 50 individuals

This subsidy program helps recipients live successfully in their own home and community, and may be used until they become eligible for other local, state or federal rent assistance. Recipients must currently be receiving services from the Home- and Community-Based Service Waiver program and be at risk of nursing facility placement.

**Home- and Community-Based Services Rent Subsidy Program** 

In fiscal year 2008, IFA provided: • Over \$598,730 in subsidies were granted to 565 individuals

## Multifamily Housing Loan Program

The Iowa Finance Authority's Multifamily Housing Loan program seeks to maintain and encourage the supply of affordable rental units in lowa.

Fiscal Year 2008 Loans		Affordable Housing Units
Affordable Housing Network, Cedar Rapids	\$750,000	244
Area XV Apartments, Ottumwa/Bloomfield	\$200,000	28
Berry Court, Iowa City	\$200,000	14
Corinthian Gardens, Des Moines (two loans)	\$3,265,000	75
Midwest Housing (various counties)	\$500,000	Various
Salisbury Court, Council Bluffs	\$387,700	18
St. Mary's Apartments, Dubuque	\$3,750,000	79
Welch Apartments, Muscatine (two loans)	\$697,000	20
Total	\$9,749,700	more than 478

# Senior Living Revolving Loan Fund

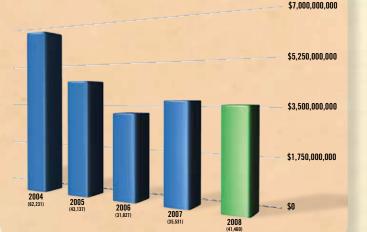
This revolving loan fund provides first mortgage financing to recipients of Low-Income Housing Tax Credits for the construction of affordable assistedliving facilities for persons with disabilities.

In fiscal year 2008, IFA: Closed one loan: Skyline Center, Clinton, \$245,000

Title Guaranty helps assure the integrity of lowa's land-title system, homeownership programs for first-time homebuyers.

- Issued 41,460 certificates, covering nearly \$4 billion worth of lowa
- Introduced Title Guaranty Commercial Services
- Created New Construction Builder program to facilitate closings for
- Revised Mortgage Release program to increase the value of mortgages that can be released
- Since 1995, Title Guranty has transferred nearly \$41 million to assist low- to moderate-income home buyers in achieving the dream of homeownership

### TITLE GUARANTY DIVISION DOLLAR AMOUNT OF PROPERTIES COVERED



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# In fiscal year 2008:

homeless individuals.

HousingInlowa.org

**Iowa Council on Homelessness** 

State Housing Trust Fund

• 16 grants totaling \$1,942,202

• 22 grants totaling \$1,711,400

The State Housing Trust Fund (SHTF) was granted permanent funding by the

Legislature in 2008. This initiative allocates funding through two programs.

allocation to provide grants for communities, counties and organizations

that wish to create a Local Housing Trust Fund. The remaining 40 percent

In fiscal year 2008, Local Housing Trust Fund (LHTF) program awarded:

In fiscal year 2008, Project-Based Housing program awarded:

goes to the Project-Based Housing program that aids the development and

rehabilitation of single-family and multifamily housing in areas not covered

The Local Housing Trust Fund (LHTF) program received 60 percent of the SHTF

• Reviewed and funded 121 Emergency Shelter Grant (ESG) and Homeless Shelter Operations Grant (HSOG) applications

IFA created www.HousingInlowa.org as a service to lowans seeking affordable

decent housing. This resource becomes crucial when natural disaster impacts

lowa, as it did in 2008, leaving thousands in need of housing.

IFA is the administering agency for the lowa Council on Homelessness.

The Council members work to identify issues, raise awareness and secure

resources that will allow homeless lowans to become self-sufficient. The

members from across the state and includes representatives of state and

Council, codified by Senate File 2161 in 2008, is made up of 38 voting

local governments, nonprofits, advocates, and homeless or formerly

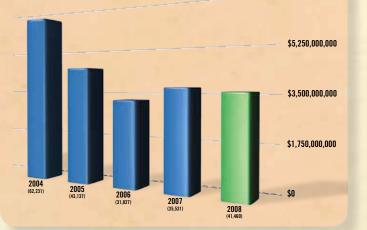
- Awarded \$1,445,011 from the federal government's ESG program Awarded \$950,400 from the state's HSOG program • On behalf of 24 homeless service providers, IFA received a federal grant
- of \$4,115,856 • IFA received a federal grant of \$354,000 in Housing Opportunities for

# Persons with AIDS (HOPWA) funding on behalf of five project sponsors.

working in partnership with abstractors, attorneys, lenders and real estate professionals. All revenue in excess of operation expenses goes toward

Title Guaranty offers commitments, certificates and endorsements that provide low-cost title protection for real estate located in lowa.

- In fiscal year 2008, Title Guaranty Division:
- real estate
- purchasers of newly constructed homes



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# COMPLIANCE DIVISION

### **Section 8 Contract Administration**

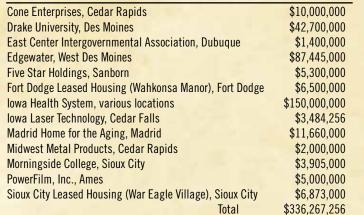
This is a Performance-Based Contract for Section 8 Contract Administration of 238 subsidy contracts that provide housing to 12,080 individuals and families in 74 counties.

# TITLE GUARANTY DIVISION COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES

# **Community Development Loan Program**

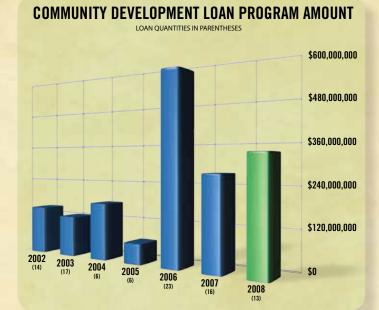
Through its Community Development Loan Program, the Iowa Finance Authority issues tax-exempt bonds for a wide range of projects. Eligible entities include manufacturing facilities, multifamily housing developers and charitable organizations. All bonds are issued on a conduit basis. The responsibility of repaying the debt rests solely with the borrower.

Fiscal Year 2008 Loans



### **Private Activity Bond Cap Allocation**

In 2008 the State of Iowa received \$262 million of volume cap for allocation to certain private activity bonds. Section 7C of the lowa Code distributes the State Ceiling among eligible purposes. The distribution of the 2008 State Cap is shown to the right.





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# WATER QUALITY DIVISION

# State Revolving Fund (SRF)

The State Revolving Fund tripled investments in Iowa's water in 2008. The previous average of \$60 million in Ioan commitments each year soared to \$204 million in fiscal year 2008. IFA and the lowa Department of Natural Resources (DNR) jointly administer the program to assist lowa communities with the costs of upgrading or constructing local wastewater and drinking water infrastructure projects. More than 300,000 lowans will benefit from improvements in their drinking water and wastewater infrastructure.

The SRF is one of lowa's primary sources for financing projects designed to improve lowa's water quality. Two funds, one for water quality and one for wastewater pollution control, have provided low-cost financing worth almost \$1 billion to lowa communities, farmers, watershed groups and others.

- The SRF portfolio saw an 18 percent increase to \$594,282,337 in fiscal year 2008.
- Closed 31 clean water loans totaling more than \$112 million, almost twice as much as any previous year.
- Closed 26 drinking water loans, for a record of \$58 million. The previous high was \$44 million in 2004. • The SRF program helped subsidize more than \$10 million in loans in fiscal year 2008. The projects range from preparing failing septic

systems to building buffer strips on farmland to helping clean up urban brownfields.

**SRF CLEAN WATER AMOUNT** 

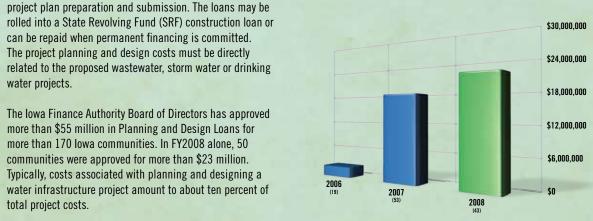
# SRF DRINKING WATER AMOUNT total project costs.

# State Revolving Fund Planning & Design Loans

Initiated in 2005, SRF Planning and Design Loans cover costs incurred in the planning and design phase of a proposed water infrastructure project. These loans have zero percent interest for up to three years and require no initiation or servicing fees. In addition,

there is no minimum or maximum loan amount. Eligible costs include engineering fees, archaeological surveys, environmental or geological studies, and costs related to project plan preparation and submission. The loans may be rolled into a State Revolving Fund (SRF) construction loan or can be repaid when permanent financing is committed. The project planning and design costs must be directly

The Iowa Finance Authority Board of Directors has approved more than \$55 million in Planning and Design Loans for more than 170 lowa communities. In FY2008 alone, 50 communities were approved for more than \$23 million. Typically, costs associated with planning and designing a water infrastructure project amount to about ten percent of



SRF PLANNING & DESIGN LOAN AMOUNT

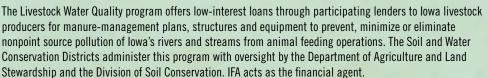


water projects.

# State Revolving Fund Construction Loan Program

State Revolving Fund (SRF) Construction Loans are offered at three percent interest for up to 30 years to fund the creation of public drinking water and wastewater infrastructure projects for cities and utilities.

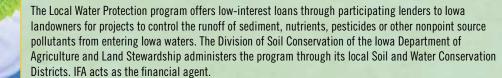
Closed 31 clean water loans totaling \$112,141,000



Fiscal year 2008: • 75 loans for a total of \$6,916,791

Livestock Water Quality Program





Fiscal year 2008: • 322 loans for a total of \$5,096,256

**Onsite Wastewater Assistance Program** 

The Onsite Wastewater Assistance program offers low-interest loans through participating lenders to rural homeowners for the replacement of inadequate or failing septic systems. According to lowa law, all septic systems, regardless of when they were installed, must have a secondary wastewater treatment system following the septic tank. IFA acts as the financial agent and the lowa Department of Natural Resources administers the program in cooperation with County Sanitarians.

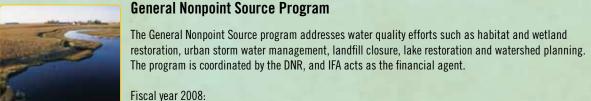
Fiscal year 2008: • 128 loans for a total of \$965,774

# The Stormwater Loan program offers low-interest loans through participating lenders for projects to control

Stormwater Loan Program

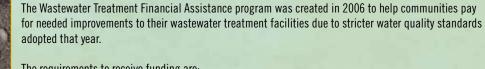
stormwater runoff. Projects range from soil quality restoration, native landscaping, detention basins, ponds or wetland systems, grassed waterways or other practices that are shown to improve or protect water quality. IFA acts as the financial agent.

Fiscal year 2008: • 3 loans for a total of \$584,126



# **Wastewater Treatment Financial Assistance Program**

Closed five loans for a total of \$3,455,259



The requirements to receive funding are: • The community being served must have a population less than 3,000

 The population served must be considered disadvantaged • The improvements must be a result of the new water quality standards adopted in 2006.





# LETTER FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

An annual report is a time for reflection. The looming threat of home foreclosures, the worst series of natural disasters in lowa's history, and the onset of a recession made 2008 the most challenging year in memory to many lowans. Yet lowans are not defined by tough times, but rather how they respond by pulling together to preserve and strengthen their communities.

The board, staff and partners of the lowa Finance Authority (IFA) have worked hard to contribute to those efforts. All told, IFA and its partners approved or provided almost \$1 billion in loans, grants and various benefits to lowa's citizens and communities during the months of fiscal year 2008. IFA's Annual Report is designed to provide a roadmap of those investments. Please be sure to read the reverse side of the map. Some highlights of the year include the following:

An initiative of the Iowa Attorney General to assist homeowners avoid foreclosure was expanded through a grant obtained by the lowa Finance Authority. This partnership, better known as Iowa Mortgage Help, has received more than 12,000 calls and assisted 3,500 homeowners. Assistance ranges from homeownership counseling to intervening on behalf of the homeowner with the mortgage servicer.

The Jumpstart lowa initiative of the Culver-Judge administration provided much-needed funds to flood victims. Along with the Rebuild Iowa Office and local administrators, IFA worked to distribute \$20 million of state funds during the fall of 2008 to help homeowners recover. Technically a fiscal year 2009 activity, it is included here due to its timeliness.

Working closely with the Department of Natural Resources and local officials, IFA is pleased to report the State Revolving Fund, which assists communities in financing affordable drinking and clean water quality projects, tripled investments in lowa's water to more than \$200 million, for a record-breaking year in fiscal year 2008. These investments in lowa's water systems will benefit lowa's environment and economy for years to come.

I would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank the board, staff and partners of the Iowa Finance Authority for their outstanding commitment and contribution to a stronger lowa. It is an honor indeed to serve our great state with you.

**Executive Director** 

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